

A LETTER FROM THE PUBLISHER



I am honored to serve as the new publisher of SPAN, a publication that has helped connect India and the United States for a generation. Although I have been a frequent visitor to India over the years—particularly in recent years as Director for

Press and Public Diplomacy in the State Department's Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs—I sense that this is a particularly auspicious time in which to have arrived in New Delhi. Clearly there is a sense of optimism and opportunity in the U.S.-India relationship, a sense that the partnership established by the leaders of our two great democracies will be a defining one for both our countries well into this century.

We have much to celebrate and much to do together, because it is in the people-to-people relationships that the grand statements of politicians and diplomats become meaningful. Looking to the future, we at SPAN hope to share with you some of the joy of our new relationship and some of the challenges we face.

As SPAN goes to print, Americans have been marking the fifth anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on our country. At the same time, we remember those killed on July 11, 2006, in Mumbai and in so many other attacks in this country. There can be no excuse or explanation for such atrocities. We resolve to work together to protect our people from terrorism.

In this issue's cover package, devoted to energy, we follow up on some of the activity aimed at fulfilling India's and America's energy needs through the use of new technologies and practices. And we explore the potential of expanded use of clean energy sources such as nuclear, solar, wind and biomass. Growing energy demand is an important element of our growing economies. We are learning that there is no single solution for meeting our countries' needs, but energy security can be strengthened using a variety of resources. Research and experience is showing that the use of clean energy technologies can help protect our environment and bring more prosperity.

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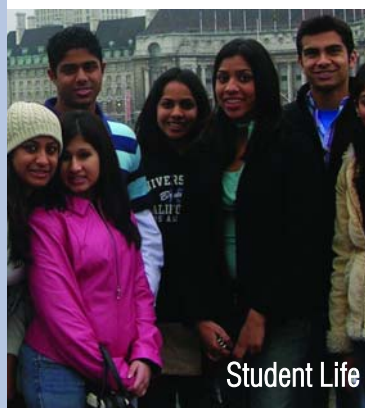
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